Reviewer’s report

Title: The MDRD equation underestimates the prevalence of CKD among blacks and overestimates the prevalence of CKD among whites compared to the CKD-EPI equation: A retrospective cohort study.

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Major Compulsory Revisions--None

Minor Essential Revisions-- The REGARDS study is spelled out as REasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS). The Discussion would flow much better if the major findings (ie. the implications of the different eGFR equations) is detailed at the outset (opening paragraph).

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests